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Applicant:	ROOSEN et al.	Conf. No.:	4651
Appln. No.:	09/502,010	Group:	2622
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For:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATIC HANDLING OF SCAN ORDERS		

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicants provide the following comments.

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-39 remain allowed in connection with the present application.

While Applicants do not dispute that each of the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record as a whole, Applicants further wish to emphasize that certain features identified in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance are not specifically recited in independent claim(s). For instance, an "autonomous" acceptance is not specifically recited in

independent claim 24. Accordingly, the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is applicable wherever it is appropriate in view of the language of the allowed claims and should not be in any way construed to limit the scope of protection offered by these allowed claims.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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